



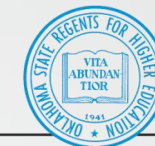
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A “New” OTAG for 2022-23

Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Program

December 3, 2021



Zoom Notes

- Participants are muted except for host and moderator.
- Questions will be fielded through Zoom chat box. This can be done throughout the presentation.
- The zoom workshop will be recorded. A zoom link to the recording will be sent to registrants early next week.



Background

- OTAG is largely unchanged since 1983. The \$1,000 maximum award for public college and career tech students has been the same since 1983.
- Awarded on a “first come, first served” basis (earliest FAFSA filers).



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Background

- Though focused on lowest income students (1700 EFC), did not consider the level of unmet financial need.
- In 2020-21 about 40% of OKPromise recipients also received OTAG.



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Goals of Changes

- HB 1821 passed in 2021 session.
- Increased retention and graduation/completion rates.
- Focus on areas of high employment demand.



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Administration: Centralized vs. Decentralized

- Funding
- Eligibility requirements
- Awarding Decisions

Administration



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Centralized	Decentralized
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Old OTAG• Oklahoma's Promise• Academic Scholars Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New OTAG• FSEOG• Ok. Tuition Equalization Grant (OTEG)

Allocation of Funds



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Old	New
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding followed individual award recipients.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each institution will be allocated a % of total funding based on 2019-20 actual expenditures. (see handout)

Student Eligibility



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Old	New
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EFC (Expected Family Contribution) of 1700 or less• Date of FAFSA submission• OK resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pell Eligibility• OK resident

Awarding Priorities



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Old	New
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lowest EFC• Earliest FAFSA submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unmet financial need• Employment demand• Nearness to completion• Continuous enrollment

Award Amounts



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Old	New
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statutory limit of 75% of tuition and fees.• Public colleges & career tech: \$200 - \$1,000• Private/Independent: \$200 - \$1,300	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statutory limit of 75% of tuition and fees.• 2-Year Colleges & Career Tech: \$200 - \$1,500• Regional U's: \$200 - \$2,000• Research U's: \$200 - \$3,000



Other Awarding Guidance

- Generally limit awards per semester/enrollment period to the % of annual enrollment.
 - 50% fall semester / 50% spring semester
 - Possibly adjust for other lengths of enrollment
 - Can be used for summer enrollment (claims must be submitted by June 30)

Application Deadline



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Old	New
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statewide deadline announced in June based on available funding. Feb. 5, 2021 Jan. 15, 2020 Jan. 31, 2019 Jan. 15, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Institutions may set their own deadlines.



Other Differences

Old	New
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portable to another institution within same award year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Institution discretion to award transfer students.



Payment Process

- Schools will retrieve a blank award claim form from the resources page (similar to current format but adding amounts).
- Schools will select recipients and set amounts.
- Schools will submit completed award claim form(s) through O-SAFE.
- Schools should try to distribute funds evenly among terms with a planned deadline for claims submission of June 30th. Funds may not be carried over to following year (“use it or lose it”).



Payment Process

- OSRHE will process the claim, begin the payment process, and send a disbursement roster to the school.
- Payment will be made to the school on the student's behalf.
- A reconciliation will be required.
- Institutions will be responsible for selecting, packaging and notifying student recipients.



Timeline

- Now and near future – Institutional planning, deciding priorities for 2022-23
 - What programs at your institution have the highest employment demand?
 - Identifying students not receiving other aid – state, institutional, other, etc.



Timeline

- Identify students who have been continuously enrolled and those near to degree/certificate completion.
- Identifying students in danger of dropping out without additional aid.
- Address special circumstances? Late enrollment, nontraditional enrollment periods, etc.



Timeline

- May 2022 – State funding level of OTAG set by Legislature/State Regents (current funding is \$15 million). Institutions will be notified of their allocation for 2022-23 soon thereafter.
- Fall 2022 – first awards under “New” OTAG

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